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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Agricultural Research Service  
Plant Pest Control Branch

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To: Cooperators in Programs of the Plant Pest Control Branch

Information has been furnished you from time to time relative to the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture with particular reference to the Plant Pest Control Branch of the Agricultural Research Service. The purpose of this statement is to present in more detail the organization and functions of this Branch.

The Plant Pest Control Branch has been assigned responsibility for cooperating with states in formulating plans, developing procedures, and carrying out activities in the pest control field that are of nationwide or regional interest. Responsibility has been delegated to the Branch:

To administer Federal domestic plant quarantines and to cooperate in the enforcement of state quarantines where an important objective is the protection of uninfested states.

To cooperate in the eradication, suppression, or control of insects and plant diseases including incipient infestations and those which outbreak periodically causing sudden and severe damage to crops often remote from breeding grounds or focal points of infestation or infection.

To provide leadership and coordination in the countrywide collection and reporting of insect pest conditions as an aid to farmers, pest control officials, and the pesticide industry.

To develop new or improved methods and procedures for utilization in the control of insect pests and plant diseases and in the treatment of regulated commodities as a condition for certification, including standards of operation of agricultural aircraft and special equipment.

To cooperate with other countries in planning pest control programs of international interest and concern.

To administer the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act of 1947 which is designed to protect the American people from injurious or fraudulent products in this general category that may be offered for import or interstate shipment.



In cooperating with states in the planning and execution of plant regulatory and control programs of regional or national concern certain phases of the work are carried out under state authority which rests with state departments of agriculture or other state agencies having regulatory responsibility.

Programs of this character often may be facilitated by close cooperation with the state agricultural extension services and the state experiment stations. In such instances, it will be the policy of the Plant Pest Control Branch to join with state regulatory and control officials in arranging for the cooperation of these agencies.

There follows a brief statement with reference to the responsibility delegated to each of the six Sections:

Cooperative Inspection and Certification Section.--This Section will cooperate with the states in developing plans, formulating procedures, rules, regulations and standards to insure proper inspection and treatment of plants, plant products, and other materials the movement of which is regulated by Federal or state quarantines. An important function of this Section is to develop, simplify, and improve quarantine procedures.

Cooperation with North American Countries Section.--The Branch is engaged in a number of programs which are of interest to both Mexico and the United States. Likewise it has problems of mutual interest to this country and Canada. This Section will cooperate with duly authorized representatives of these countries in developing plans and executing programs of mutual interest. It will maintain liaison with other agencies of the Department engaged in or interested in plant pest problems of concern to the North American countries.

Cooperative Control Operations Section.--This Section is responsible for developing with states and other agencies, plans and procedures for the application of measures for the eradication, suppression, or control of plant pests of regional or national importance.

Pesticide Regulation Section.--This Section is responsible for the administration of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act of 1947, as amended. It receives, evaluates, and takes appropriate action on labels submitted by industry for registration; issues permits for shipping economic poisons for experimental purposes; determines and initiates appropriate enforcement actions and cooperates with states in achieving compliance with Federal and state regulations. It will also carry out the Department's responsibilities under the Miller "Pesticide Residue Amendment" to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.





Methods Improvement Section.--This Section is responsible for liaison with research agencies, regulatory and control units, and industry in developing new and improved techniques for use in regulatory and control programs. It is particularly important that this Branch have close cooperative relationships with research organizations engaged in studies bearing on cooperative control and regulatory programs. The Aircraft and Special Equipment Center (now moved to Beltsville, Maryland) becomes a part of this Section and will continue to appraise and recommend improvements in equipment of all kinds used in connection with regulatory and control work. It will maintain liaison with research, continuing to utilize all available sources of information of value to this objective.

In view of the importance of developing information that will be useful in carrying out the cooperative regulatory and control programs, the Head of this Section, for the time being, will be relieved of Project administration.

Economic Insect Survey Section.--This Section cooperates with the states in developing and formulating procedures for the collection and reporting of insect occurrence and abundance. It cooperates with states in special surveys dealing with specific insects as need arises. It issues the Cooperative Economic Insect Report, a weekly nationwide release on insect conditions and cooperates with various agencies in the Department, states, and industrial and private organizations in an effort to determine as far in advance as possible where outbreaks of insects are likely to occur. The Section relies primarily on the voluntary efforts of entomologists, county agricultural agents, other agricultural technicians, and individuals throughout the country for the reporting on insect conditions through state clearing offices, who represent the state regulatory agencies, experiment stations, and extension services. A particular effort is made to detect promptly any newly introduced insect.

Foreign Technical Assistance Program.--Under the terms of an agreement with Foreign Operations Administration, the Agricultural Research Service has delegated to this Branch responsibility for the technical direction of insect control programs which have been approved by FOA as a part of the technical cooperation with countries in the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa. Liaison between the specialists assigned to work in foreign countries and the research agencies of the Department provides the technical information on which they base their programs.

Supervision of Branch Activities.--The general administration of regulatory and control programs is carried out on an area basis. These areas correspond with existing plant board regions but allow for crossing lines where the particular program may involve more than one plant board region.



It is believed the Branch is so organized as to contribute to the efficient operation of authorized programs and to assure continuation of the cooperative relationships that now exist with states and industry.

We will appreciate your writing us if there are any questions concerning this rather condensed outline of the organization and functions of the Branch.

There are attached a chart and a table showing organization of the Branch.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. L. Popham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

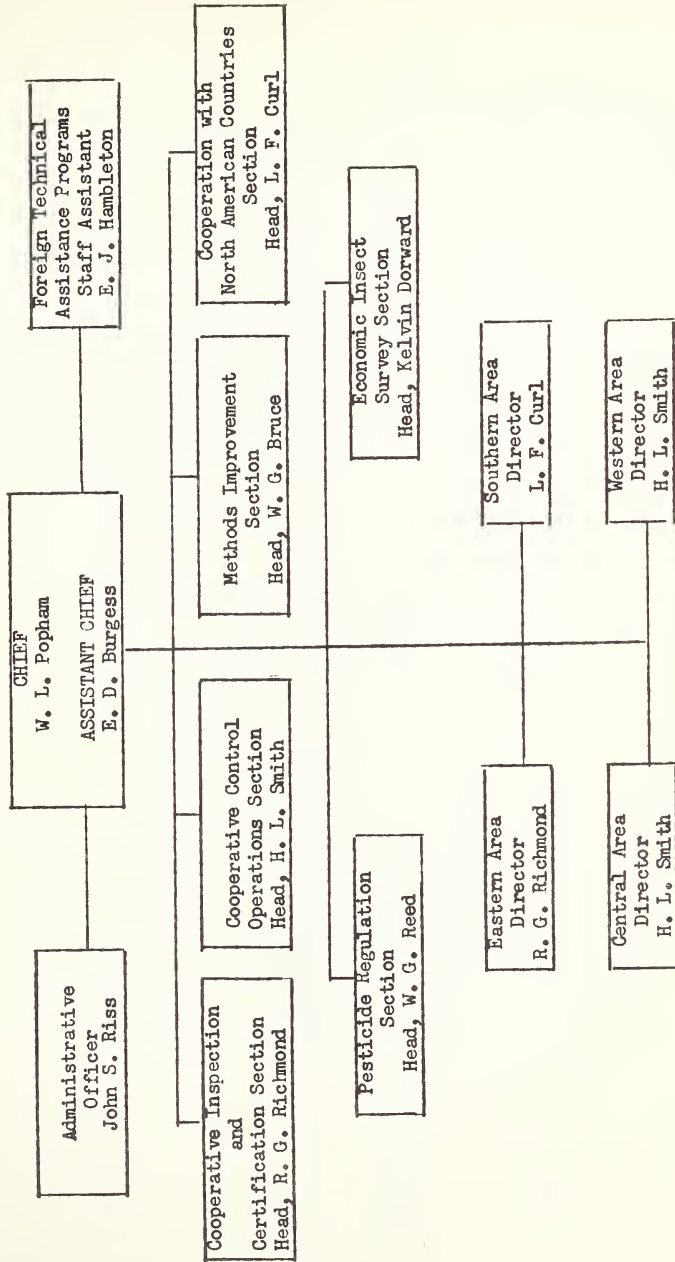
W. L. Popham  
Chief of Branch

Attachments



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ORGANIZATION CHART



\*The telephone number of the Department in Washington is REpublic 7-4112.  
 The extension numbers of the various officials are on file with the operator.

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# PLANT PEST CONTROL BRANCH PROJECTS

<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Mail Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Eastern Area	Gypsy Moth Control	H. L. Blaisdell	P. O. Box 72 Greenfield, Mass.	3648
	Golden Nematode Control	J. F. Spears	P. O. Box 96 Hicksville, L.I., N.Y.	3-0009
	Japanese Beetle Control)	T. C. Cronin	P. O. Box 461 Hoboken, N. J.	3-7400
	European Chafer Control)			
Southern Area	White-Fringed Beetle Control	R. A. Roberts	P. O. Box 989 Gulfport, Miss.	4471
	Phony Peach and Peach Mosaic Eradication	A. E. Cavanagh	P. O. Box 989 Gulfport, Miss.	4471
	Sweetpotato Weevil Control	M. S. Yeomans	P. O. Box 43 Gulfport, Miss.	4471
	Pink Bollworm Control	R. W. White	P. O. Box 2749 San Antonio, Texas	Capital 5-1692
	Wild Cotton Eradication (for pink bollworm control)	W. E. Conn	P. O. Box 1198 Coral Gables, Fla.	4-7745
	Mexican Fruit Fly and Citrus Blackfly Control	N. O. Berry	P. O. Box 1968 Harlingen, Texas	591
Central and Western Areas	Barberry Eradication	R. O. Bulger	522 Metropolitan Bldg. Minneapolis, Minn.	Main 3244
	Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Control	J. R. Dutton	P. O. Box 1056 Denver, Colo.	Ext. 118 Belmont 3-3611
	Hall Scale Eradication	E. H. Fosen	336 Broadway Chico, Calif.	2373
Unassigned (Pending Developments)	Halogeton Control Knapra Beetle Control	(Contact Branch) (Contact Branch)		
Nationwide	Aircraft and Special Equipment Center (Methods Improvement Section)	K. Messenger	Plant Industry Station Beltsville, Md.	Webster 5-4620

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# PLANT PEST CONTROL BRANCH

## Economic Insect Survey Section

### Assigned Area\*

<u>Assigned Area*</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Mail Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Northeastern	C. W. Shockley	P.O. Box 72 Greenfield, Mass.	3648
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Southwestern	J. I. Cowger	P. O. Box 2300 San Antonio, Texas	Capitol 5-1692 Ext. 278
North Central	L. G. K. Iverson	301 Metropolitan Bldg. Minneapolis, Minn.	Main 3244
Western	L. J. Padgett	1515 Clay St., Rm. M-1 Oakland 12, Calif.	Twinoaks 6-6330 Ext. 120

\* Areas coincide approximately with old HEPQ regions rather than Branch Areas.

## Pesticide Regulation Section

Western	D. W. Dean	529 Federal Office Bldg. San Francisco 2, Calif.	- - -
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